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VIA EMAIL

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RE: WQM Permit No. 6715201

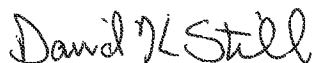
Mr. Ammon,

This letter is provided to address the Annual Reporting as requested in the above referenced WQM Permit Special Condition No. 20. Attached is a summary of quantity and quality of process wastewater and cooling water introduced into the IWTP during 2020.

As indicated in our response to the Department on 2/26/2021, HFC has to date taken many steps to prevent, improve and mitigate the issues for permit non-compliance in 2020. The causes of the issues were primarily due to unexpected increase in hydraulic and organic loading from essential food production to meet the demand of the COVID-19 pandemic, which compounded issues regarding variability in digester operating temperature and seasonal loadings.

We have been diligently working to improve the IWTP performance to meet permit discharge limits. We have just completed dredging of the sludge in lagoon 1 with geobags and will continue as-needed basis, developing a plan to pump lagoon 1 effluent back to Digester 1 clarifiers for additional clarification, and evaluating a cost-effective approach in reducing variability in digester operating temperatures.

Sincerely,



David K. Still
VP Canning Operations
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